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OLD ENGLAND SHAKEN

Most Violent Earthquake Ever
Known There.

PEOPLE THROWN INTO A PANIC.

From Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh Coast the disturbance is felt. In the Mining Districts the People at First Thought It Was an Explosion—Cathedral at Hereford Injured—One Woman Dies of Fright.

London, Dec. 18.—Great Britain is in the throes of a genuine and unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every shire from Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed at about 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning, and lasted from four to thirty seconds. At many points two distinct shocks were experienced.

The most severe shocks were felt at Cheltenham, Ledbury and Dean Forest. The earth shaking was accompanied by a loud, rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture was shifted, doors were thrown open and pictures and other ornaments were upset. The inhabitants were panic-stricken and fled from their homes. The earthquake also visited Birmingham and other various points in Shropshire, was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding the city. Houses rocked and furniture was overturned.

Great Alarm Everywhere.

The shocks were followed by a tremor of earth and were accompanied by a rumbling sound. The greatest alarm prevailed everywhere. Chimneys were overthrown and windows, etc., were smashed. At some points persons on the country roads were thrown down and a number of people were thrown out of their beds. Hereford cathedral was injured. There the dull rumbling beneath the earth's surface was followed by two loud crashes and a terrible lifting and rocking. The panic at Hereford was so great that one woman died of fright.

People rushed wildly into the streets. Many chimneys fell crashing into the thoroughfares and all the pinnacles of St. Nicholas' church toppled over and part of the pinnacle of the cathedral fell to the ground. At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hailstorm. In London the earthquake was only slightly felt.

Streets Seemed on Fire.

A singular phenomenon was noticed at Bridgenorth, near Shrewsbury, previous to the disturbance. The streets suddenly seemed to be on fire and there was a violent report, accompanied by a shaking of the earth. People who were going abroad in that vicinity say that they were for a time unable to walk, owing to the vibrations. There was very great excitement among the rustics about Poole, who thought that the end of the world had come.

Houses shook nearly a minute at Bristol and Clifton, causing much alarm in those districts. The railroad employes at Crewer report that they felt the rails oscillate. At Evesham the shock was followed by a brilliant light in the sky. In the mining districts it was at first thought that the shocks were the result of colliery explosions. The disturbance was experienced with great violence at Warwick castle. The Earl of Warwick was awakened and felt his bed lifted as though by some force beneath it, and the furniture in his room was shifted.

TANNER'S INAUGURATION.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for the Ceremony.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 18.—Preparations for the inauguration of Governor-elect Tanner and the other newly-elected state officers, which is to take place Jan. 11 are being steadily pushed. It will be the most elaborate ceremony of the kind ever witnessed in the Illinois capital, and will undoubtedly bring together an immense concourse of people. A feature will be a great parade by military and civic organizations. The oath of office will be administered to Captain Tanner by a justice of the supreme court at noon, and he will immediately deliver his inaugural message. This is expected to be followed by an address by Governor Altgeld. Then will follow a reception by Governor and Mrs. Tanner and other state officers and their wives, and at night a grand inaugural ball will be given in representative hall. The committees are all at work and everything possible is being done to make the occasion a memorable one.

Destructive Conflagration.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—A special from Clarksville states a most destructive fire started in Joseph Rosenfield & Co.'s dry goods store Wednesday night, destroying it and the building next to it, owned by the Frech estate. The store. The fire was checked by the fire wall of John Hurst & Co.'s building, saving the remainder of the block. The total loss will be about \$75,000; insurance not ascertained.

Shot Himself with a Rifle.

Wausau, Wis., Dec. 18.—John Patzer committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself through the head with a Winchester. Temporary derangement on account of bad health was the cause of the deed. He had been city clerk for three terms, member of the council, registrar of deeds four terms, and was a member of the Odd Fellows, A. F. and A. M. and United Workmen.

Death of Rev. Dr. James Rankins.

Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. James Rankins, rector of St. Peter's church, dean of Delancey divinity school, and ex-president of Hobart college, died Wednesday from gastric trouble, after twelve days' illness, aged 63 years.

SPRUNG A SENSATION.

Charges Against Officers of the Federation of Labor.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—At Thursday's session of the American Federation of Labor Delegate Mahone of the Street Railway union, created a sensation at noon by rising to a privileged question and stating that very damaging rumors were being circulated against the general officers, and moving that a committee of five be appointed to investigate these charges. Mr. Mahone would not name the charges and none would mention them, but the rumors were generally conceded to be in connection with the agitation for the annual election. Many delegates insisted on specifying the charges or putting them in writing, but these objections did not prevail.

President Gompers called Delegate Phillips to the chair and all the officers declined to participate in the proceedings on this question. All the officers declined any knowledge of the rumors. A motion to table Mr. Mahone's motion was lost—yeas, 13; nays, 59. Other motions were made and voted down. Mr. Mahone refused to mention the charges unless the convention went into executive session. Delegate Warner moved that Mr. Mahone be required to present his charges in writing. The motion was carried—yeas, 40; nays, 29. A recess was then taken till 2:30 p. m. for a reception of the chamber of commerce. It is stated by delegates that the charges have been made against other officers by Secretary August McCraith, who circulated them privately this week. President Gompers and all other officers and delegates, except those in the secret, were taken by surprise. Secretary McCraith is said to have had differences with the officers and members of the executive council and he has been keeping a tab of his observations, and on his memorandum charges of willful negligence in co-operating with the officers of different unions during strikes and on other occasions are made. Other minor charges are made, but the principal charge is that the officers co-operated with certain political leaders during the recent campaign, and that some of those who revoked the commission of W. C. Pomeroy, as organizer, were themselves guilty of the same offense in using their official prestige for political purposes.

SUIT TO OBTAIN A PACKAGE.

Supposed to Contain the Process for Making Damascus Steel.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 18.—Mrs. S. R. Dawson, wife of the inventor of Damascus steel, who is serving a ten-year term in the penitentiary for the murder of his son-in-law, is about to begin suit against the Des Moines National bank of this city to regain possession of a package deposited in the vaults of that bank. The package is supposed to contain Dawson's process for making Damascus steel and hardening copper. After the murder, two representatives of the Damascus Steel company went with Mrs. Dawson to the bank where the secret formula was placed in trust, it being agreed that it was not to be taken out save by mutual consent. Dawson's agreement when the company was formed was that if he ever became incapacitated for making the steel he should turn the recipe over to some other party and the formula was to be placed where it could be gotten. Mrs. Dawson claims the company has not fulfilled its contract and that she is entitled to it. The company say they will also bring suit, as they want the recipe to begin manufacturing.

PASSENGERS PLUNDERED.

Bold Work of Three Robbers on a Train Near Sedalia, Mo.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 18.—While the Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer was approaching Sedalia at an early hour Thursday morning three men who had boarded the train further up the road commenced to rob the passengers on the chair car, relieving them of watches, jewelry and money. A wild scene followed, some of the awakened passengers making a show of fight and the women were screaming with fright. C. H. Hopewood of Finnegan, Ills., who had lost his watch, grabbed the timepiece from one of the robbers and a scuffle ensued. Other passengers came to Hopewood's assistance, but the thieves fought their way to the platform and jumped off the train just as it was entering the city. They escaped after securing three gold watches and a small amount of money. Not a shot was fired by robbers or passengers, and the thing was over within side of five minutes' time.

Smugglers Arrested.

Conneaut, O., Dec. 18.—An Italian smuggler of jewelry, named Dominico Quaranto, has been arrested here. He had just alighted from a train from Cleveland, and was about to take a boat for Point Dover, Ont., when captured by the police. Quaranto is one of a trio of smugglers who arrived at New York on the steamer Clive from Naples in November. They had sold their jewelry and Quaranto was about to return to Naples for another supply. His two accomplices have been arrested.

Woman Shoots Herself.

Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Charles Dix, about 35 years of age, residing at Kohl's mill, Town of Rock, committed suicide by shooting herself. The bullet passed through the temple, causing death instantly. She had been in ill-health for some time and was subject to spells of mental aberration.

No Hope for Roswell G. Horr.

New York, Dec. 18.—Roswell G. Horr, formerly a member of congress from Michigan, is slightly better, but his physicians hold out no hope of his recovery. They say he may linger a few weeks or may pass away at any time.

Mining Titles Are Perfect.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 18.—Titles to the Huron Isle Royal and Grand Portage mines have been found perfect by Attorney Chadbourne and the syndicate which bought them are making necessary payment.

TO SUE ODD FELLOWS.

Hundreds of Actions Begun in the
Badger State.

INSURANCE BRANCH IN DANGER.

Members Have Refused to Pay Death Benefits Aggregating \$100,000—The Courts Will Be Asked to Enforce Payment—Insurance Organization of the Odd Fellows in Wisconsin in a Condition Bordering on Dissolution.

Milwaukee, Dec. 18.—Secretary J. W. Ostrander is authority for the statement that the Wisconsin Odd Fellows' Mutual Life Insurance company is in a bad way financially, and is likely to go into a state of collapse unless the managers can succeed in making the members pay up their assessments. To accomplish this thousands of suits have been or are to be started in every part of the state where there is a justice of the peace to hear, try and determine and a direlet Odd Fellow to be brought before the bar of justice. It is estimated that there are 500 of these cases in the city of Milwaukee, and 100 or more in every principle city in the state, while scarcely a hamlet or village where there is an Odd Fellow will be able to escape the contest that has been instituted by the managers of this mutual insurance company. The total amount involved in the cases is something more than \$100,000, and ranges in sums of from \$5 to \$72 against the individual member. All these claims have been made out by the managers and placed in the hands of attorneys in the different cities, towns and villages of the state for collection.

Estabrook to Begin Suits.

C. E. Estabrook, the ex-attorney general, will do the collecting among the Odd Fellows in this city, and will push the matter to the utmost limits in order to save the insurance branch of the order of Odd Fellows from going down in ruin. The trouble arises from the fact that early in the year the number of deaths among the members of the insurance company was exceedingly heavy owing to the large number of old men that had been taken into the fold and from other causes. The rapidity with which the assessments followed each other caused a stampede among the members to get out of the organization, and it is stated by Secretary Ostrander that more than one-half of them lapsed in the payment of their policies. Under the rules that govern, a member could not forfeit his membership, until sixty days after he had been notified of an assessment, and in the meantime he was responsible for any and all assessments that in the meantime it might be found necessary to make. Another feature that played a part against him was the fact that assessments were not ordered until ninety days after proofs of death had been received by the managers of the company, and in many instances thirty or sixty days lapsed before the proofs were furnished.

Responsible for Assessments.

Under these conditions the mere lapsing of one assessment did not relinquish the member from its payment. Under the laws which govern in the case of a mutual company, these defaults are held to be responsible for not only the last assessment which they failed to pay, but for those assessments which had in the meantime accumulated. Under ordinary circumstances it is not to be supposed that an attempt would be made to collect at least the last assessment. The managers of the Odd Fellows' Mutual Life Insurance company find that they are owing \$47,000 in insurance on the lives of the members who have died during the avalanche of lapses that have struck them during the past summer, and they are determined to collect every cent of the money that is the due of the company under the closest construction of the law that can be made. By this means they seek to swing clear of the bankruptcy that threatens them at this time. Suits have been started to collect eighty assessments under the plan adopted in the city of Chippewa Falls, and a number of suits are to be started in Eau Claire.

McKINLEY IN CHICAGO.

President-Elect Enjoys a Drive Along the Boulevards.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—President-Elect McKinley arrived in this city at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. As he left the train and passed through the station at the Canal street entrance a crowd of several hundred cheering and shouting people rushed after him. He quickly stepped into Captain McWilliams' carriage and immediately started for the McWilliams' home. A drive through the boulevards of the south side was the programme for Thursday afternoon, and Major McKinley expects to spend a day during his Chicago visit with Hon. Charles G. Dawes of Evanston, where Judge and Mrs. Day of Canton, personal friends of the McKinleys, will also be entertained.

From Pulpit to Stage.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 18.—Rev. Benjamin T. Trego, rector of St. John's Episcopal church at this place, has tendered his resignation, to take place Jan. 1, 1897, when he will leave the ministry and enter the study of dramatics, preparatory to going on the stage next August to star jointly with Clay Clement in a repertoire of Shakespearean plays.

Killed by a Bursting Saw.

Pontiac, Ills., Dec. 18.—While Frank Crouch, a young man, was sawing wood with a circular horse power saw, it burst. A piece of the saw struck Crouch, splitting his head open, also cutting deep into his shoulder, severing the shoulder blade. Death was instantaneous.

DYING OFF LIKE SHEEP.

Terrible Ravages of Yellow Fever at Port au Prince.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The Philadelphia brig Arcadia, Captain Fisher, which arrived here from Port au Prince via Turk's Island, where she took on board a cargo of salt, brings accounts of the dreadful suffering of the natives of this pest-hole from the ravages of yellow fever. The disease is the worst known to have prevailed for over twelve years and the people are dying like sheep. It is impossible for the authorities to treat all the cases and the suffering and misery wrought by the scourge is intense. The disease has broken out on board a number of vessels in the harbor, in some instances carrying off the entire crews.

The mate of the Portland schooner Clara E. Randall, which arrived at Port au Prince Sept. 22 from Philadelphia, died of yellow fever while the vessel was at that port. Captain Connors of the Boston schooner Maxand the steward, whose name is not known, died of the fever at Port au Prince. Captain Stratton of the Boston schooner Mecosta was stricken with the fever and so were several other shipmates. The country about Port au Prince, which lies up at the head of the Bay of Gonaves, is very marshy and the climate is very unhealthy. Despite the fact that the Arcadia lay in the harbor several weeks her crew kept well and remained healthy throughout the entire trip.

MACEO STILL LIVES.

So Say Passengers Just Arrived from the Island of Cuba.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 18.—Passengers who arrived here from Cuba Thursday report that General Pratt has wired General Weyler from the province of Matanzas that he had an engagement in that province with Antonio Maceo's forces led by Maceo himself, and that upon receipt of the telegram conveying this information all the festivities which were in progress in Havana to celebrate the death of Maceo were ordered to be suspended.

The passengers further state that a number of newspaper reporters, to convince themselves of the truth or falsity of the report of Maceo's death, went to Punta Brava, province of Havana, and one of them had an interview with the insurgent chief, Balmorero Acosta, who told him that the Spaniards who had come to search for Maceo's body would not find it, as Maceo was at the head of his army and was moving towards Oriente. He also stated that he had accompanied Maceo to the province of Matanzas, where he left him, after an affectionate parting. When he left General Maceo the latter was suffering from a slight wound.

OVERWORKED THE FRAUD.

Two Men Who Swindled Pawnbrokers Placed Under Arrest.

New York, Dec. 18.—Pawnbrokers all over this country and Canada have been swindled by an elaborate scheme which was operated from this city as a center. The men engaged in it overworked the fraud when they found it succeeded easily, and two of them have been arrested. Their names are John Palmer and George Wilson. Palmer says he is a jeweler; Wilson is a printer from Philadelphia. The deception was through the pretense that the watches they offered to pawn were all gold, while only the parts usually tested by pawnbrokers were of this metal. Works and cases bore counterfeit marks of standard manufacturers. Detectives declare that Palmer deposited his wares in Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Montreal. So far the police estimate that \$10,000 has been lost by Palmer's operations.

Mail Service on the Detroit River.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—The importance of the marine mail service on Detroit river appears from the report of Postmaster Enright, just submitted to the department, and the factor it has become in the extension of the convenience and usefulness of the postal system is shown therein. Something like 175,550 pieces of mail were received from vessels during the year and 138,036 were delivered, an increase of 128,000 pieces over the business of 1895. The number of vessels served was 19,287.

Haig-Drayton Nuptials.

London, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Charlotte August Drayton, the eldest daughter of Mrs. William Astor, and who some time ago obtained a divorce from her husband, J. Coleman Drayton, on the ground of desertion and non-support, was married Thursday afternoon by special license at St. Columba's church (national church of Scotland) to George Haig, of the firm of Haig & Haig, whisky merchants of this city. The Rev. Donald McLeod officiated.

Sudden Death of Hermann.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Hermann, the magician, died Thursday in his private car at Great Valley, near Salamanca. He was on his way to Bradford. The remains will be forwarded to New York. Hermann completed an engagement at the Lyceum theatre in this city Wednesday night, and had later been entertained at the Genesee Valley club by a number of his friends. Death was caused by heart disease.

No Way to Earn His Salary.

Milwaukee, Dec. 18.—Edmond C. Deane of Racine, state deputy water ways commissioner, will not recommend to the legislature the continuance of the office which he holds. He says there is no way for the commissioner to earn his salary of \$150 a month. Mr. Deane was appointed by Governor Upham in July, 1895, and the life of the office will expire next July.

Smallest Baby in New Jersey.

New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Samuel Davidson, wife of a Camden, N. J., barber, has given birth to the smallest baby in New Jersey. The new-comer weighs nine and a half ounces. Her head will easily go in a tencup, and her hand will barely cover a cent. Clothes had to be taken from her sister's bisque doll to fit her.